

REVISION OF SECTION 618  
ERECTION OF PRE-CAST CONCRETE MEMBERS

Section 618 of the Standard Specifications is hereby revised for this project as follows:

In subsection 618.14 (c), delete the last seven paragraphs and replace with the following:

Pre-cast concrete members shall be erected to prevent damage to all elements of the structure and in a safe manner. Pre-cast concrete members to which the erection specification applies are those members that bear on the substructure of a bridge. The primary members such as beams and girders shall be temporarily anchored and braced as they are erected to preclude detrimental movement in any direction, and to prevent overturning and buckling. Struts, bracing, tie cables, and other devices used for temporary restraint shall be considered falsework and shall be designed to resist all loads imposed during each stage of construction until the deck concrete has attained the Field Compressive Strength shown in Table 601-1.

At least one week prior to the Pre-Erection Conference, the Contractor shall approve, sign and submit an Erection Plan to the Engineer for record purposes only. The Erection Plan shall be stamped "Approved for Construction" and signed by the Contractor. The Erection Plan will not be approved by the Engineer. If falsework is required, falsework drawings shall conform to and be submitted in accordance with subsection 601.11.

The Erection Plan and procedure shall provide complete details of the erection process with dimension tolerances including:

- (1) Falsework, struts, bracing, tie cables and other devices, material properties and specifications for temporary works, bolt torque requirements prior to releasing girders from the cranes (if required), connection details and attachments to other structure components or objects;
- (2) Procedure and sequence of operations, including a detailed schedule with completion times for work items that complies with the working hour limitations;
- (3) Minimum load chart lift capacity, outrigger size and reactions for each crane;
- (4) Assumed loads and girder weights, lift points, lifting devices, spreaders, and angle of lifting cables.
- (5) Girder stresses at critical points along the girder length during progressive stages of erection shall be investigated to assure that the structural integrity and stability of the girders is maintained. Stresses at lift points induced as a result of lifting shall be investigated and adequate bracing provided as indicated by the analysis.
- (6) Locations of cranes, trucks delivering girders, and the location of cranes and outriggers relative to other structures, including retaining walls, wingwalls and utilities.
- (7) Drawings, notes, catalog data showing the manufacturer's recommendations or performance tests, and calculations clearly showing the above listed details, assumptions, and dimensions.
- (8) Contingency plans detailing what measures the Contractor will take in case of inclement weather (forecast or actual), equipment failure, delivery interruption, and slower than planned production.

A Pre-Erection Conference will be held at least one week prior to the beginning of erection. The Engineer, Contractor, erection subcontractor, and the Contractor's Engineer shall attend the meeting. The erection subcontractor shall demonstrate his knowledge and familiarity of where the piece marks are located on the components to be erected, their orientation in the erected structure, and the shop drawing piece mark convention used by the girder fabricator at the Pre-Erection Conference. The girder fabricator shall either attend the meeting or participate in the conference, by way of speaker telephone. Participation is required during that portion in which the piece marks are discussed. The girder fabricator shall state whether the erection subcontractor has demonstrated a correct understanding of the piece marks, and if not, correct any misunderstanding.

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Additional Pre-Erection conferences may be required for subsequent phases of construction, or for phases that differ from the original construction plan, as directed by the Engineer. Additional conferences may also be requested by the Contractor, and approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor shall submit a final Erection Plan to the Engineer prior to girder erection for record purposes only. The Contractor's Engineer shall sign and seal (1), (5), and (7) listed above in the final Erection Plan. The final Erection Plan shall be stamped "Approved for Construction" and signed by the Contractor. The final Erection Plan will not be approved by the Engineer.

When a bridge spans traffic of any kind, except for construction traffic and the Contractor's employees, the Contractor's Engineer shall inspect and provide written approval of the erected girders prior to opening the area beneath the girders to traffic. For this specification, traffic is defined as the vehicles, railroad, pedestrians and watercraft moving along a route. The Contractor shall perform daily inspections of the erected girders and other permanent and temporary bridge elements until the deck concrete has attained the Field Compressive Strength. The Contractor's Engineer shall provide an inspection form to the Engineer and the Contractor that lists the items the Contractor will document during the daily inspection of the erected girders. The inspection form shall include inspection items specific to each bridge being constructed. The Contractor shall provide the Engineer and the Contractor's Engineer with written documentation of these inspections within 24 hours of each inspection.

All temporary struts, bracing, tie cables, other devices and extra material required shall be removed upon completion of the structure.

Falsework shall conform to subsection 601.11.

Subsection 618.17 shall include the following:

All costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the Erection Plan will not be paid for separately, but shall be included in the work.